

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of removing a biofilm, ~~which comprises at least the following steps, carried out simultaneously or consecutively~~ the method comprising:

- a) preparing a solution consisting of water, an optional buffer and an enzyme mixture containing at least one protease, at least one esterase and an amylase;
- b) preparing a solution consisting of a detergent with an alkaline pH; and
- c) applying consecutively said solutions from steps a) and b), by washing, or by circulation or recirculation, to the surface to be treated, thereby removing the biofilm.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one protease is selected from the group consisting of exopeptidases and endopeptidases.

4. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one esterase is a carboxyl ester hydrolase, a phospholipase and/or a phosphonodiesterase.

5. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the enzyme mixture furthermore comprises an enzyme selected from the group consisting of osidases and carbohydrases.

6. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the enzyme mixture is pancreatin.

7. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the detergent is an alkaline solution containing surfactants.

8. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the detergent is an alkaline solution containing surfactants and a quaternary ammonium.

9. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the detergent solution furthermore contains a disinfectant.
10. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 29, wherein the acid is selected from the group consisting of ~~by~~ citric acid, peractetic acid, glycolic acid and hydroxyacetic acid.
- 11–22. (Canceled)
23. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one protease is trypsin.
24. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one esterase is lipase and/or ribonuclease.
25. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the enzyme mixture furthermore comprises glycosidase.
26. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the enzyme mixture furthermore comprises galactosidase.
27. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the detergent solution furthermore contains a sodium hypochlorite solution.
28. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the detergent solution furthermore contains potassium hypochlorite solution.
29. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a step of preparing a solution comprising an acid capable of dissolving deposits of mineral salts, and also applying this solution, by washing, or by circulation or recirculation, to the surface to be treated.
30. (Canceled)